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**Subject:** FW: Senator Vitter - Camp Minden Status Inquiry. Rewrite--any comments?  
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My questions are generally not related to any specific company, but about the overall process and where it stands. I know how busy you must be right now and in an effort to prioritize for the call I have delineated a few of our main questions for your review prior to our call.

1. Has any decision been made on what process will be used?  
EPA recently signed a CERCLA Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) with General Dynamics and ATK to dispose of the hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants that they are responsible for at the Camp Minden site. The Responsible Parties selected the disposal methods. We are continuing to use our CERCLA and RCRA enforcement authorities to identify Potentially Responsible Parties for the remaining hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants and hazardous wastes.  
In most cases, EPA directs responsible parties to treat, dispose, or recycle the hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, and hazardous wastes at a site. The responsible parties choose which methods or processes and which contractors to use to meet the requirements of the enforcement action.
2. Who is in charge of the process of approval? and
3. Does the EPA hold the final decision on what process is used? If not, who?  
We have combined questions 2 and 3. The Potentially Responsible Parties choose the methods or processes to be used to meet the requirements of the enforcement document. The Potentially Responsible Parties then submit a statement of work and schedule to EPA. EPA reviews the statement of work and schedule to make sure that the proposed work will meet the requirements of the order.
4. Once the method of disposal is determined, does the EPA determine who the contract is issued to?  
The Potentially Responsible Parties determine which contractors are used. Any contractors selected by the Potentially Responsible Parties must be able to do the work and must be properly licensed, permitted, or certified.
5. What other agencies (federal, state, local) provides input into both the process chosen and the contract to carry it out?
  - a. Who needs to weigh in on whether a contract or method is chosen?As stated above, the method or process and contractors are selected by the Potentially Responsible Parties

5. Are contract terms related to performance surety bonds being considered to ensure the job is completed in time on budget?  
EPA requires financial assurances from the Potentially Responsible Parties to perform the work under the order. The Potentially Responsible Parties determine what type or form of



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financial assurances, if any, that their contractors must provide to them.

If a written response is easiest from your end I understand. Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Respectfully,

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